

RETAIN NATIONAL GUARD ON BORDER

SOLDIERS WILL CONTINUE TO DO DUTY ON MEXICAN BOUNDARY LINE.

CREATING TRAINED RESERVE

Secretary Baker Answers Numerous Inquiries, Declaring That the Militia on the Border Is "Winning Bloodless Victories Daily."

Washington.—The National Guard will be retained on the Mexican border until it can be withdrawn without again endangering American lives and property. Secretary Baker so declared the administration's policy in answering a score of letters from many parts of the country explaining that the state troops were being held in service after the emergency for which they were called out apparently had passed.

In general the complainants alleged financial on militiamen and hardships on their families.

By its presence on the border, he wrote to one, the guard is "winning bloodless victories daily." He declared that Americans resident along the international line were enjoying a peace and security they could not know without the protection of military forces. He added the presence of the militia on the Mexican border has restored order and given a higher degree of safety and security to the lives of our people in that troubled country than they have had for a long time.

Referring to the elaborate and extensive training the militiamen are receiving under supervision of regular army officers, the secretary expressed the opinion that it would fit them to act in time of war or other emergency as a supporting arm, or second line for the regular army, furnishing an asset to National preparedness that could not have been obtained otherwise.

"Clearly so soon as a restored state of order on the border justifies it, the troops will be returned to their homes," he wrote. "In the meantime, it is not possible for the department to say how soon such a situation will arise; although the Mexican situation is one of increasing hopefulness."

JAPAN BELIEVED TO BE AFTER Foothold AT CANAL MOUTH.

Secretary Lansing Orders Investigation of Reports of 60,000 Acre Land Concession Being Sought.

Washington.—Investigation of reports from Panama that a 60,000-acre land concession at the Atlantic end of the canal is being sought by a Spaniard named Fernandez, presumably for Japanese interests, was ordered by Secretary Lansing. Mr. Lansing refused to discuss the report in detail but the action was considered significant.

Rumors of a similar nature have been common ever since the canal was well under way. Several months ago it was commonly believed in diplomatic circles that private Japanese shipping interests were seeking land through Spanish intermediaries to establish a base for storing coal at lower rates than could be had from the American Government monopoly case. So far as known nothing definite came of that plan.

The present reports are that Fernandez is seeking or has already secured a 60,000-acre land concession through the activity of Raymon Valdez, whose recent election to the presidency of Panama may possibly be disputed by the United States because of alleged frauds and coercion.

8 DEAD AND 16 HURT; 3 BOILERS EXPLODE.

Jackson, Tenn.—Eight persons were killed and 16 injured here when three boilers at the plant of the Harlan Morris State Manufacturing Company exploded, wrecking the building and scattering debris over a radius of several hundred yards. It is believed that all of the injured will recover.

RUMANIA TO JOIN ALLIES, SAY REPORTS IN GERMANY.

The opening of the Allied offensive at Saloniki has been the signal for renewed reports that Rumania is at last about to throw in her lot with the Entente. These reports are more circumstantial than before and German press comments indicate that they have foundation. One Berlin newspaper declares that Rumania already has joined the Allies and that plans are being laid for the march of a Russian army through Rumania.

60 BANDITS DEFEAT CARRANZA SOLDIERS

El Paso, Texas.—A force of 60 Villa bandits engaged and defeated a larger command of government troops in the vicinity of Santa Ysabel, Chihuahua, Friday, August 18, according to private dispatches here. The defeated command approximately 100 men and lost 20, while the outlaws, under J. Dominguez, lost but 12. The government troops were commanded by Colonel Carlos Carranza, a nephew of the first chief.

TWO BIG CRUISERS SUNK IN NORTH SEA

BRITISH LOSE TWO CRUISERS BY TEUTONIC SUBMARINE ATTACKS.

ONE SUBMARINE DESTROYED

Kaiser's High Seas Fleet Come Out But Was Put Back Quickly.—One German Submarine Rammmed By Another, 29 Fatalities Are Result.

London.—Two British light cruisers, the Nottingham and Falmouth, were sunk in North Sea by German submarines while the vessels were searching for the German high seas fleet, according to an official announcement by the Admiralty. One German submarine was destroyed by the British, while another was rammed and possibly sunk, according to the Admiralty statement which follows:

"Reports from our lookout squadrons and other units showed there was considerable activity on the part of the enemy in the North Sea on Saturday. The German high seas fleet came out, but learning from their scouts that the British forces were in considerable strength, the enemy avoided an engagement and returned to port.

"In searching for the enemy we lost two cruisers by submarine attacks—H. M. S. Nottingham, Captain C. B. Miller, and H. M. S. Falmouth, Captain John Edwards. All the officers of the former were saved, but 38 of the crew are missing. All the officers and men of the Falmouth were saved, but one stoker, Norman Fry, died of injuries.

PRESIDENT WILSON URGES THAT PLAN BE ACCEPTED.

If Strike Comes Responsibility Will Not Rest Upon Him.

Washington.—President Wilson appealed to the railroad officials to abandon their insistence on arbitration of the dispute threatening a nationwide strike and to accept his plan of settlement, already agreed to by the employees, because in his opinion the railroads are contending for a principle which it seemingly is impossible to apply to the present situation.

In one of the most dramatic scenes known to the White House in recent years, the President declared to the heads of five billion dollars worth of properties, assembled at his summons:

"If a strike comes, the public will know where the responsibility rests. It will not be upon me." A few minutes later he issued a statement saying, "The public has the right to expect" acceptance of his plan.

Refusing acceptance for the present, but not giving a final answer. Hale Holden, president of the Burlington roads, and spokesman for the 33 railroad officials, urged the President to uphold the principle of arbitration, and declared his plan would "place in peril all that has been accomplished in the peaceful adjustment of labor controversies by methods of arbitration."

FIVE NEGROES LYNCHED BY A FLORIDA MOB

Gainesville, Fla.—Five negroes, three men and two women, were taken from the jail at Newberry, Fla., and hanged by a mob and another negro was shot and killed by deputy sheriffs near Jonesville, Fla., as the result of the killing of Constable S. G. Wynne and the shooting of Dr. L. G. Harris by Boisey Long, a negro. The lynched negroes were accused of aiding Long to escape.

Dispatches from Newberry said that the mob, which lynched the five negroes, was composed of about 200 men and worked quietly and rapidly. After gaining entrance to the jail they took the victims to a point about a mile from town and hanged all to one large oak tree. Not a shot was fired.

TROPICAL STORM IN TEXAS DID MILLIONS IN DAMAGE

Corpus Christi, Texas.—The loss of life from the tropical storm which struck Corpus Christi and 10 adjacent Texas counties was placed at 13, including nine members of the crew of the small freighter Pilot Boy, which foundered off Arkansas Pass. The total damage in this section of which Corpus Christi bore the heaviest part was estimated at \$2,000,000. This includes devastation of a large portion of the lower coastal cotton crop.

HUNDRED SHOTS ARE EXCHANGED ON BORDER

Naco, Ariz.—Over a hundred shots were exchanged across the international line about a mile west of here between patrols belonging to the negro National Guard from the District of Columbia and a party on the Mexican side. The soldiers said they halted some Mexicans who attempted to cross the line, in answer to the challenge the Mexicans fired. In the fusillade that followed the only casualty was one Mexican wounded.

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE THAT COUNT

